

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, arthritis includes more than 120 diseases and conditions affecting joints and connective tissues, such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, Lyme disease, and gout; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans of all ages live with the pain and limitations of some form of arthritis, with these debilitating conditions affecting approximately one-third of all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the prevention and treatment of arthritis helps ensure the continued well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, during the 2004 observance of Arthritis Awareness Month, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Arthritis Foundation will encourage people to participate in arthritis screenings, while offering arthritis education and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2004 as

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the prevention and treatment of arthritis through quality care and services.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA